



# *The Blurb*



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## Ham Camp



Call Sign K3C for the Weekend of August 16 – 18  
*More Pictures Inside*

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A Letter From Andrew, KC2PMW

First Day of Fall

Labor Day

Saturday VE Session

Directory update info from Ed, KB3IV

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		<p><b>Sunday Morning Net Schedules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2 Meter/ 70cm Net</b>..... at 0930L on W3QV repeater</li> <li>• <b>10-on-10 Net</b> ..... at 1000L 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)</li> <li>• <b>75 meter Net</b> ..... at 1020L 3.993 MHz LSB</li> <li>• <b>ARES</b> at 2100L on the W3QV repeater</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Committees</b></p> <p>Audit: NS3K Blurb folding: KB3IV &amp; N3GLU Directory: KB3IV</p>	<p>DX: N3MT Emerg.Coar: K3HWE Field Day: KE3QB Internet: N3QV &amp; KC2PMW Membership: N3XKE</p>	<p>Net Control: KB3IV Publicity: W3RM Program: Club VP Public Service: KE3QB Refreshments: W3AOK Repeater: W3AOK</p>	<p>Scholarship: W3RM Sunshine: N3GLU VE Program: NS3K Welcome: N3UBY Youth: KC2PMW</p>

***All visitors are welcome!***

The club meets at 7:30 PM on the *second* non-holiday Wednesday each month except July and August at **Roxborough Memorial Hospital**, 5800 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19128  
Maps and directions are available at [www.phil-mont.org](http://www.phil-mont.org).

**License Examinations** are held on the fourth **non-holiday Thursday** each month at **Community Ambulance Association, 1414 E. Butler Pike, Ambler PA 19002**  
Registration begins at 7:00 P.M. Applicants should contact Jim McCloskey NS3K at 215-275-2979 or [jmccloskey@msn.com](mailto:jmccloskey@msn.com) for the latest information.

**Club Stations W3QV/R: The Jim Spencer Memorial Repeater System**  
Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA **Trustee: W3RM**  
**147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz**  
Reach us on EchoLink through W3QV-R  
**W3AA Trustee: WU3I**  
**W3EM: Field Day/special event station Trustee: N3QV**

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***The Prez Sez ...***

Greetings again Phil-Monters,

The summer of 2013 is now in the books and in spite of all the problems we got from Hurricane Sandy last fall it looks like most of the operating business at the shore made money this summer. The weather was sure hot so I know all the power companies made money. From the reports I got it looks like the first Ham Camp weekend was a great success with people coming from all over to participate in fellowship with other hams and some fun operating time also. Our thanks go out to Fred and Penny for hosting the event at their beautiful Sunbury Pa. location.

Once again thanks to you guys for an event well planned and well run.

Well I should bite my tongue but so far things are holding up in this year's hurricane season, it was said that this year was going to be another very active season. I know it's still early as we didn't get whipped from Sandy till late October. I hope things continue to hold up for us because myself and everyone else at the Jersey shore sure don't need any more problems down here.

By the time you read this I will be coming home from my much needed vacation and ready to start back to business as usual starting with the September board meeting followed by the general meeting the week after. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Meanwhile don't forget to keep up with all the Phil-Mont events like the Tuesday evening digital net on the repeater and the Sunday morning nets.

Before I go I just want to throw in another reminder about the MS150 at the end of September: if you haven't signed up yet do it now, it's a great event for a good cause.

Well so long for now and I'll see you soon

**73 Bob, KB2ERL**

## ***Phil-Mont Birthdays & Tidbytes***

### **September Birthdays**

- 01 Sol Volen - N3UBY
- 02 Gregory Malone - WA3GM
  
- 13 Marge Concordia (XYL WB3KAC)
  
- 15 Bob Freer - W3YLT
- 17 Vikye Swanson (XYL N3GLH)
- 20 Michael Taraborrelli - N3MT
  
- 23 Eileen Kerrigan (YL ND3B)  
John Simon – KB3SJS  
Patricia Day (XYL WA3QED)
- 24 Virginia Buono (XYL WA3ADI)
- 26 Emily Mae Devirgiliis Campbell is 5!
- 28 Penny Uebelhoer (XYL KA3IRJ)

### **MEMBERSHIP STATS**

At press time P.M.R.C. had:

- 83 Full paid members
- 10 Family members
- 2 Youth members
- 1 Honorary member



***The test session are Thursday evening the  
26<sup>th</sup> this month and Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>.  
As always, many thanks to our VE team!***

### ***From the Secretary...***

***There were no meetings in August. See you in  
September!***

***de Rick, ND3B***

## *A Message from Andrew...*

Fellow Phil-Monters,

As many of you know, earlier this year I was given the honor of being awarded one of the 2013 Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club scholarships. To date, I am not sure which of the scholarships I was awarded, but that isn't important. What is important is the generosity that all of the members of the club have shown over the past years that have made the scholarship program possible. For this, I would like to thank everyone in the club. Without your support, this great program couldn't happen. While I may have a bit of a different interest in the scholarship program than most others for this year and for the next one or two, it is something that I know will always be important to me and the numerous other people who have in the past or will in the future be named recipients of the scholarships. On my behalf and their's, thank you.

For those who I haven't had the pleasure of meeting or grabbing a QSO with yet, I am 20 years old and will be a junior at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ studying Electrical and Computer Engineering (one major with a long name). When not playing radio or studying, I am an active member of Rowan EMS and, after a long 9 months of night school last year, am now a New Jersey certified EMT. I have an Amateur Extra Class license, am active on the two or three local repeaters, and try to get on HF as much as I can. This year I have also taken a leadership role at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's City to Shore Ride (affectionately known to the local ham community as the MS-150 ride) and am heading up SAG vehicle communications group.

Thanks and 73 DE Andrew, KC2PMW

PS: If you are interested in the MS-150, check out the club website at <http://www.phil-mont.org/ms150/> for more information about what it is and how you can help. Staffing has been very short the past couple of years and we need all the help we can get. Even if you only have a few hours, we can probably find a place for you. To those who

have helped out in the past, thank you for coming out. The NMSS really appreciates having us out there and continues to be more impressed every time they see us in action.

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## *Have you heard about D-Star?*

Philadelphia Digital Radio Assn meets the first non-holiday Monday of each month at the Community Ambulance Assn 1440 East Butler Pike Ambler, Pa. 19002 at 7:00 pm.

The club has two D-star repeaters on the following frequencies: On two meters - 146.61 (-) and on 70 cm 445.18125 (-)

I run a weekly club D-star net on Mondays at 8:00 pm local time on the club 2 meter frequency.

*de Jim, NS3K*

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## *For Sale:*

Icom IC-756 PRO III for sale. Radio is in excellent condition, used in a non-smoking environment.

Asking \$1900 or reasonable offer

contact Frank KB2AYS at 609-312-9392

*(de Bob, ERL)*

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Asus netbook win 7 home 150.00

Motorola zoom, droid 4.1 200.00

LDG Autotuner at200pc 75.00

**Contact Ted Katz N3OWM, 856-663-5962**

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## *Check out this rope for your antenna project –*

*3/32" Braided Olive Drab - Dacron / Polyester cord*

*This is a high quality braided polyester cord with a breaking strength of 210 pounds. Proudly Made in the U.S.A.!*

**This is a gorgeous solid braid perfect for dipole antennas. Very low stretch and strong. Will withstand the weather & sun for 7 to 10 years.**

*PRICE \$10.00 PER 100 FEET*

*SOLD IN 100 FOOT LOTS*

*CONTACT STEVE WU3I AT WU3I@ARRL.NET*



# Great Weather for a Mini-Field Day Hosted by Fred & Penny

*Hmm...lots of food and drink and socializing. But was there any radio operating?*

## *The place...*



## *The preparations...*







*The people...*







***September at Phil-Mont***

- 1 Sun NC3U NCS
- 2 Mon Labor Day
- 4 Wed Board Meeting
- 5 -6 Th/Fri Rosh Hashana
- 8 Sun K3XS NCS
- 11 Wed Membership Meeting  
World Trade Center attack in 2001
- 14 Sat Yom Kippur  
Sat Morning VE session
- 15 Sun KB3IV NCS
- 22 Sun W3MHP NCS
- 26 Thur Evening VE session
- 29 Sun N3QV NCS

***Don't forget the ARES net on Sunday nights and  
the Digital net on Tuesday nights.***

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***First Class Mail***

**IMPORTANT –  
UPCOMING DIRECTORY  
SUPPLEMENT**

With the October Blurb you will receive the 2013 Directory Supplement. It will contain new member information, plus corrections and additions received during the last six months. If you have any changes that you have not previously sent please do so now.

In addition, the Supplement will feature the "Electronic Mailing list" of PMRC members who have sent me their E-Mail addresses.

If you would like your cell phone listed in place of your work phone, please indicate your change and the cell number, followed by (cp).

If you have changes, send your information to me (no later than 9/12) at: kb3iv@comcast.net or via snail mail at the address shown in your directory.

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